

# NATIONAL STUDENT EMPLOYMENT WEEK TOOL KIT

## NO COST

- **Pat on the back:** Draw an outline of your hand on a piece of paper. Photocopy enough copies for all students in your office. On each hand, write a note that tells the student why they deserve a “PAT ON THE BACK”
- **Decorate:** Highlight your student workers with an office bulletin board or the office door for the week in recognition of your students
- **Talk about Them:** Write a message in your departmental newsletter to say “THANKS!”
- **TAKE AND SUBMIT PHOTOS WITH THE HASHTAG #MWSUEMPLMENT**

## MINIMAL COST

- **Advertise:** Print a banner to say “THANK YOU” from Campus Printing
- **Treat Day:** Organize your full-time staff to bring in treats for student employees
- **Open House:** Invite the faculty/staff from your area to honor your students at a particular time and place (i.e. go to lunch or dinner)
- **Card Them:** Buy a card and have all full-time employees (faculty and staff) in your area write a short note of appreciation inside
- **Good Egg Awards:** Buy plastic eggs, fill them with goodies and give out with “Good Egg” certificates. List what the student did to deserve this award
- **Tons of Puns:** Every day, give your student a small “gift” with a fun one-liner, such as a bag of Lays with a sticker that says, “You’re all that and a bag of chips!” Other ideas: Milky-Way bars (“You’re out of this world!”), and/or gum (“You always got the EXTRA mile!”)

## MODERATE COST

- **Say it with Flowers:** Give each student a single flower or several balloons
- **Pizza Pleaser:** Order in pizzas and have a party!
- **Bag it:** Make up “goodie bags” of snacks and treats for the students to take home

APPRECIATION REQUIRES MINIMAL INVESTMENT  
AND YIELDS HUGE RESULTS: SO TELL YOUR  
STUDENT EMPLOYEES “THANK YOU!”